

## December 2016

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### Public Meetings:

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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### Website:

[www.wvc-ut.gov](http://www.wvc-ut.gov)

### City Hall Address:

West Valley City Hall  
 3600 S. Constitution Blvd.  
 WVC, UT 84119

### City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.



## Christmas Tree Recycling



It's time to deck the halls and trim the tree! As you enjoy the festive decor of the Christmas season, you're probably not thinking about what you'll do when it's time to put things away for the new year.

In addition to the city's bulky waste removal service, West Valley City will provide two drop off locations for residents to dispose of Christmas trees to be

reused or recycled for mulch.

Dumpsters will be available December 26th through January 9 at City Park (4500 West 3500 South) and West View Park (6100 West 4100 South). Trees must be free of lights, stands, nails, screws, bags and decorations before being placed in dumpsters. No artificial trees will be accepted and no other trash is allowed in the dumpsters.

Residents may also use the City's bulky waste removal service to dispose of trees and holiday decorations. Pickup dates and information about what types of waste are accepted can be found at [www.wvc-ut.gov/sanitation](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/sanitation).

Happy holidays!

*The Utah Cultural Celebration Center* PRESENTS  
**WINTER EVENTS 2016**

WEST VALLEY SYMPHONY CONCERT  
 DEC. 19  
 7 PM

BEEHIVE STATESMEN CONCERT  
 DEC. 5  
 7 PM

WINTER MARKET  
 DEC 5, 12, 19  
 5-9 PM

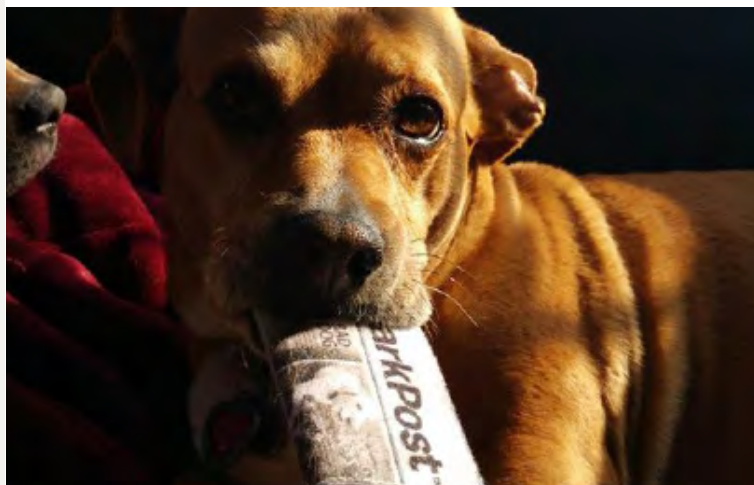
BONNIE HARRIS CONCERT  
 DEC. 12  
 7 PM

TREES OF DIVERSITY EXHIBIT  
 NOV. 26-  
 DEC. 31

GALLERY HOURS:  
 MONDAY - THURSDAY  
 9 AM - 6 PM  
 OR BY APPOINTMENT

## Bark Post: A Monthly Column

By Amalee, Community Watchdog



### Home for the Howlidays

Snow is here and the holidays are upon us. Here are some tips for a safe, healthy, peaceful holiday season with your pets:

1. Pets are not presents; they are members of your pack with the need for a lifetime commitment from you. Please don't give an animal as a gift, only to become tired or overwhelmed a few months later and end up taking it to the shelter. If you are home during the holidays and it seems like the best time to welcome a new pet into your family, adopting is the way to go.
2. Please remember that if a pet is living outdoors, Utah law requires that they have adequate shelter, unfrozen water, and food.
3. Though the holidays are a busy time, dogs still need exercise, so please keep walking us!
4. If you have a Christmas tree, note that pets can get overly curious and end up hurt. Stabilize your tree so your pet doesn't knock it over, and make sure all lights or electrical decorations are connected to a safe power source. Keep wires, glass or plastic ornaments, and batteries out of their reach. Pets can try to eat tinsel, and end up blocking their intestines, so it's best to avoid it.
5. The ASPCA reminds us that mistletoe and holly can cause digestive upset and cardiovascular problems in dogs, and kidney distress in cats; it's best to avoid these around your pets. PetMD adds that poinsettias can be toxic too, so keep them out of reach. The same goes for tree sap.
6. Pets like to feel included, so giving holiday toys and treats is great. Just be sure to choose safe treats and toys that your pet will not choke on. Did you know rawhide, for example, can cause intestinal obstructions and even result in emergency surgery?

7. Keep the chocolate away from pets for their own good. The same goes for alcoholic drinks.
8. Make sure pets have a safe space where they can retreat if they get overwhelmed by visitors or all the chaos of holiday celebrations, gift unwrapping, etc.
9. If you are traveling, be sure your pets are properly cared for in your absence.
10. Having your pet's name tag, license, rabies tag, and microchip up-to-date is important to safeguard them in case they get confused or lost during travels, or even frightened if there are fireworks or poppers on New Year's Eve. Plan ahead so you can keep your pet safe.

What better reason to celebrate than having the unconditional love, companionship, and good company of your pet as part of your holiday festivities? I hope this season will be a warm and joyous one!

Thanks for listening, Amalee

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## Cold Weather And Your Pet

By David Moss, Animal Services Director



Winter is here and it's time to be aware of how the cold can affect your pet. The following advice may help your pet stay warm this winter.

Exposure to dry, cold air, and wet winter conditions, can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaky skin on your pet. Coming out of the cold into a warm house feels good to your pet but your furnace is drying out the air as it warms it. Keep your home humidified and check to make sure your pets are dry when they come in; use a towel to dry them off if they are wet. Check your pet's feet and remove any snow packed between the toes or pads of their foot.

Shaving your pet during the winter is discouraged. Longer hair helps provide warmth to your pet. If your pet has long hair and ice tends to cling to it, trim the long hair but don't shave it. If your pet has short hair, a sweater or coat is recommended when going out.

Booties can help protect your pet's paws from the cold ground and chemicals used to melt snow. If you don't use booties, basic petroleum jelly rubbed onto the paws can help provide protection before going outside.

Antifreeze is used more often in the winter and as such gets left out. Antifreeze is poisonous to your pet and at the same time your pet can be attracted by the color and smell. Take care to make sure this, and other chemicals, are used and stored properly.

Don't bathe your pet too much during the winter. Washing too often removes the natural oils in the skin which, in turn, can cause dryness and flakiness. If you do bathe your pet during the winter use a moisturizing shampoo.

Pets burn more energy during the winter as they try to stay warm. Providing more food to meet the demand for this extra energy is important. Also, make sure your pet always has plenty of clean, fresh water available as your pet will use extra water to keep their skin from drying out.

Provide an extra blanket or pillow to help your pet stay warm while sleeping. Remember, if it's too cold outside for you it is probably too cold for your pet.

Following these, and other common sense pet care procedures, will help keep you and your pet happy and healthy this winter.

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 1 Trees of Diversity Exhibit (thru 12/31)  
Cultural Celebration Center
- 5 Winter Market  
Cultural Celebration Center, 5 - 9 PM
- 5 Christmas Tree Lighting  
Family Fitness Center, 6 PM
- 5 WorldStage Concert featuring  
Beehive Statesmen  
Cultural Celebration Center, 7 PM
- 7 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow  
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 8 Professional Standards Review  
Board Meeting (Citizens' Review  
Board)  
City Hall, 9AM
- 10 Breakfast with Santa (Registration  
required; call 801-955-4000 for info)  
Family Fitness Center, 9 AM
- 12 Winter Market  
Cultural Celebration Center, 5 - 9 PM
- 12 WorldStage Concert featuring  
Bonnie Harris & Valley Jazz  
Cultural Celebration Center, 7 PM
- 14 S'Mories & Stories  
Fairbourne Station, 6 PM
- 14 Community Meeting with Chief Russo  
City Hall, 7 PM
- 15 Breakfast with Santa (Registration  
required; call 801-955-4000 for info)  
Family Fitness Center, 9 AM
- 19 Winter Market  
Cultural Celebration Center, 5 - 9 PM
- 19 WorldStage Concert featuring  
WV Symphony  
Cultural Celebration Center, 7 PM
- 26 Christmas Holiday  
City Offices Closed



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